(ख) यदि हां, तो इस घोटाले का पता कब चला, इस समिति का गठन कब किया गया और समिति ने किन कारणों से अभी तक प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत नहीं किया है; और

(ग) इस समिति द्वारा अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत करने हेतु क्या समय-सीमा निर्धारित की गई थी?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. सी. सिल्वेरा)** : (क) से (ग) तकनीकी समिति की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई थी। यह मामला जांच के लिए केन्द्रीय आसूचना ब्यूरो को सुपुर्द कर दिया गया था तथा एक आरोप सत्र न्यायालय में दाखिल किया गया है।

**Assistance to Gujarat for control of Tuberculosis**

5645. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of men and women in urban and rural areas affected with tuberculosis in Gujarat State;

(b) the details of programmes being run/proposed to be started during 1994-95 to prevent tuberculosis in the State;

(c) whether any assistance has been sought for by the State Government for this purpose for the year 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details of the assistance given by Government during 1993-94 and funds allocated to the States for the year 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) The prevalence of tuberculosis is about 1.5% of the population, with about 1/3rd of the patients being females.

(b) to (d) The National Tuberculosis Programme funded on 50:50 sharing basis between Centre and State and the SIDA funded pilot project in Mehsana based on supervised Short Course Chemotherapy are continued in 1994-95. The Central assistance to the State during 1993-94 was Rs. 276.00 lakhs and during 1994-95 an amount of Rs. 282·00 lakhs has been proposed.

**Unethical practices in transplantation of Kidneys in Bombay**

5646. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Indian Express' of 1st April, 1994 under the caption "Bombay's Kidney Bazar does not fail these foreigners" and also similar news items published from time to time regarding unethical practices in the transplantation of Kidneys, if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether any action has been taken during the past two years against any of the private hospitals involved in the immoral trade; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the legal position with regard to the sale of Kidneys and other human organs; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d) Government are aware of various news reports. In order to regulate the removal, storage and transplantation of human organs for therapeutic pur-

poses and for prevention of commercial dealings in human organs and other related issues, Govt. introduced the Transplantation of Human Organs Bill 1993, which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha and is pending consideration in the Lok Sabha.

**Proposal for setting up of an Ayurvedic University in Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh**

5647. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had sent a proposal for setting up of an Ayurvedic University in Nandyal;

(b) if so, what is the present status of this proposal; and

(c) the reasons for delay for giving sanction to this proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Govt. has been advised to prepare a revised project proposal pursuant to discussions on the subject.

(c) Does not arise.

**New technique for diagnosis of Heart Patients**

5648. SHRI S. S. AHULWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a Charitable Heart Care Foundation of India have evolved a simple six minute walking test to determine whether a patient with congestive heart failure needs hospitalisation or is at risk of dying thus doing away with expensive treadmills and monitors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to popularise the test in such areas of the country where doctors do not have access to sophisticated machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Treatment of Patients Suffering from Cataract**

5649. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cataract or "Safed Motia" in local parlance is the single largest cause of blindness in the country including Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the details of the findings of the survey ; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to prevent the disease of cataract and to cure the patients suffering from this disease in the country specially in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir. According to a Survey 80.10% of blindness is caused by Cataract or Safed Motia;

(e) There is no proven method of promoting Cataract. The surgical facilities for cataract operations are being provided to the needy people in the country including the state of Bihar.